GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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PENSION TO MEDAL WINNERS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has worked out any scheme to give pension to the Olympic medals winners.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of Olympic atheletes getting this benefit presently?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Under the scheme of Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons, being implemented sinceJuly, 1994. Government gives pension to medal winners in various international Games/Championships includingthose in the Olympics. Olympic medal winners receive pension @ Rs. 2500/- p.m. The pension is payable on attaining the age of 30 years by the sportspersons and continues during his/her life time. The fund is managed and administered by a General Committee chaired by Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports. At present, there are 84 Olympians receiving pension under the scheme.